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1. FONOFF AND AGMIN SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT USSR
200 MILE ZONE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL AFFECT FRG FISHING
INTERESTS IN BALTIC AND BARENTS SEAS TO THE TUNE OF
50-60,000 TONS OF FISH. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM WAS
DESCRIBED AS "MANAGEABLE".

2. FRG OFFICIALS DON'T FORESEE A CHANGE IN THEIR
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OPPOSITION TO BRITISH AND IRISH 50-MILE ZONE DEMANDS
IN ORDER TO MAKE A DEAL WHICH PRESERVED THEIR CATCH

IN SOVIET WATERS. THE FRG WILL LOOK TO BE COMPENSATED FOR ANY CATCH LOSSES BY THE EC CATCH PRESENTLY RESERVED FOR THIRD COUNTRY NEGOTIATIONS. AGMIN OFFICIAL STATED THAT CERTAIN SPECIES WITHIN THIS RESERVED CATCH COULD SUITABLY MAKE UP FOR LOSSES IN RUSSIAN WATERS.

3. FONOFF OFFICIAL, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EC COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 13, BELIEVES THAT THE RUSSIAN ZONE ANMFBJ GALVANIZED THE MEMBER STATES TO DEAL FIRMLY WITH FOREIGN FISHING IN EC WATERS. THE ORIGINAL YEAR INTERIM PERIOD FOR

FOREIGN FISHING PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION, AND THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ON WHICH MANY MEMBER STATES WERE ABOUT TO AGREE, QUICKLY BECAME ONLY THREE MONTHS AFTER THE RUSSIAN ANNOUNCEMENT. BOTH FONOFF AND AGMIN OFFICIALS AGREED THAT THE SOVIET SIGNING OF A GIFA WITH THE US ALSO BOLSTERED THE EC MEMBER STATES IN DEALING WITH SOVIET AND OTHER FOREIGN FISHING.

4. FONOFF OFFICIAL WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT SOVIETS WOULD COME AROUND AND NEGOTIATE WITH EC FOR ACCESS TO COMMUNITY WATERS. HE DOWNPLAYED THE POSSIBILITY REPORTED REF A, PARA 6, OF POLITICAL PROBLEMS ARISING WITH THE SOVIETS OVER FISH, EVEN IF THE SOVIETS ARE TOTALLY EXCLUDED FROM EC WATERS. ON THE CONTRARY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRIMARY PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT IN THE FRG IS A LEGAL ONE; I.E., THE PASSAGE OF ENFORCING LEGISLATION FOR COAST GUARD VESSELS TO ENABLE THE FRG TO ENFORCE COMMUNITY-WIDE FISHING REGULATIONS.
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